

M. FAURE IN ST PETERSBURG

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT

Cheered Vehemently Wherever Seen—Visits Historic Grounds—Lays the Corner Stone of the French Hospital—Takes Part in Dedication of the New Bridge—Visited by Deputations With Addresses from Various Cities.

St. Petersburg, August 24.—President Faure, M. Hanotaux, the French minister for foreign affairs, and the suite of the president, on board the imperial yacht Alexandria, entered the Neva at noon. The river was crowded with lavishly decorated excursion steamers and the quays were black with spectators. The French cruiser Surcouf, which was near the landing stage, manned her yards and her sailors gave ringing cheers as the Alexandria reached her quay. The Russians responded with roars of cheering.

Upon disembarking, President Faure was received by the governor and civic authorities and by a guard of honor from the Alexander III Neva Tsemrasky regiment of infantry. Standing in front of the regiment was a row of highest army officers of Russia. The president, in a few words, spoken in Russian, greeted the soldiers, who replied with a loud cheer.

M. Faure then inspected the Guard of Honor and afterward the president and his suite, escorted by Ural Cossacks, were driven in open carriages to the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. Though rain was falling heavily, the streets were densely packed with people who vociferously cheered the president of France.

After placing a wreath and a golden olive branch on the tomb of the late Czar Alexander III in the cathedral, President Faure drove across the Neva and laid the cornerstone of the new French hospital.

The president afterward visited the house which Peter the Great built in 1703 on the bank of the Neva in order to supervise the construction of St. Petersburg. The president examined the various objects made by Peter the Great, the chair and stool, etc., and then traversed the garden leading to the riverside where the czar was waiting for him in a launch. M. Faure embarked in this vessel, which had the Russian and French flags flying from her stern, and crossed the Neva.

The imperial and presidential party landed on the other side of the river and took part in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Trotsky bridge, one of the features of the occasion being magnificent choir singing. The metropolitan, who officiated, prayed for the czar and for President Faure and France.

The usual display of enthusiasm was witnessed everywhere and the French sailors who were allowed to come ashore were embraced by the Russian population.

The spectacle at the inauguration of the bridge was brilliant. Around a picturesque tent were grouped the high court dignitaries in splendid uniforms, and municipal councilors and the clergy in gorgeous robes, while in the background stood four immense stands filled with ladies in elegant toilets and officers in uniform, making a scene of great animation and sparkling with color.

The czar, President Faure, the metropolitan and the men of St. Petersburg surrounded by the grand dukes, M. Hanotaux, the French minister for foreign affairs; the count of Montebello, the French ambassador to Russia and other French officers, formed the central group in front of the tent where the inauguration was solemnly performed.

In an open carriage and amid a drenching rain, M. Faure visited the cathedral of St. Isaac and called at the respective embassies. He was then obliged to return to the Winter palace to make a change of clothing. The afternoon was spent in receiving municipal deputations from various towns bringing addresses and gifts. The hour before dinner was devoted to the reception of ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, with general conversation.

M. Faure dined at the French embassy and after dinner held a reception for the members of the French colony in St. Petersburg. Early in the evening, he returned to Peterhof by the imperial train. He was greeted with enthusiastic popular demonstration wherever he appeared in the public thoroughfares.

The Grand Army Encampment.

Buffalo, N. Y., August 24.—From dawn to darkness and from twilight to midnight, the gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic waxed greater and grander. The weather has been all that could be wished for. The Grand Army has turned out more men than ever before, attended a national encampment and this is true also of the ex-prisoners of war Association, the naval veterans and the woman's auxiliary bodies. Just as the songs of victory floated up from the triumphant hosts of Sherman, as they marched to the sea, so from the old soldiers gathered in Buffalo, wells of happy mingling of thankfulness, of happiness and of joy. From early morning until late at night, Main street held a continuous procession of posts. Scores of them brought bands and few indeed, had no music.

The features of the day were the arrival of President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary of War Alger and Governor Black, of New York; the banquet to the president this evening and the parade of the naval veterans and ex-prisoners of war this morning. During the day there were more than thirty corps, brigade, regimental and company reunions. The naval veterans, ex-prisoners of war, ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the association of nurses, held their conventions and there were many receptions given by and to the ladies of the auxiliary associations. A trip on the lake participated in by about 2,000 ladies was one of the pleasantest of the many entertainments.

The Favorite Defeated

Cincinnati, August 24.—Eugenie Wicks' mile and an eighth, today was the fastest ever run over the Newport track. She won the fourth race of the day in a gallop, covering the distance in 1:53 3/4.

Red Duchess, in the third race, was a hot tip and there were thousands of dollars bet on her in the ring and at different pool rooms about the country. Red Duchess ran well until the stretch was reached when she suddenly and easily, came along and won easily.

CAROLINA BEACH.

The Excursion of the Naval Reserve Yesterday and Last Night—Mr. Payson Willard Wins in the Target Shooting—Trap Shooting Yesterday and Today.

About 400 people took in the excursion of Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves, to Carolina Beach yesterday and last night. The reserves and the Light Infantry went down on the 3 p. m. boat and most of the excursionists accompanied them on that trip.

As soon as the party reached the beach, the target match on a 200 yard range was begun, the prize to the best individual shot to be a handsome silver cream pitcher and sugar bowl. The judges of the shoot were Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, H. C. McQueen, J. D. Smith and H. N. Latham. The scorers were Messrs. J. S. Hooper and W. P. Monroe.

The score made was as follows:

WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY.

Walker Taylor.....	2 3 3 4 3—15
S. M. Boatwright.....	4 3 4 3 3—17
R. N. Nash.....	3 2 2 3 2—12
N. E. Gillican.....	2 4 5 4 5—20
W. A. Wilson, Jr.....	4 3 4 5 4—20
J. R. Windley.....	4 3 0 2—9
J. B. Cooper.....	3 3 3 4 4—17
E. P. Willard.....	4 3 5 5—21
J. H. Gore, Jr.....	2 0 3 2—10
E. Forshee.....	3 3 3 2—14
Average 15 5-10.	

NAVAL RESERVES.

F. H. Bagg.....	4 4 4 3 4—19
M. A. Parker, Jr.....	4 4 4 3 3—15
R. W. White.....	4 4 2 3 2—15
E. Fulcher.....	3 3 5 4 3—18
W. M. Morris.....	2 3 4 2 3—14
R. H. McKoy.....	0 2 2 2 2—6
A. B. Skelding.....	3 4 3 4 4—18
A. L. Price.....	4 2 4 2 3—15
A. L. Greenbaum.....	3 2 0 4—9
W. W. Roberts.....	3 4 4 3 3—18
Average 14 1-10.	

Mr. E. Payson Willard, having made the highest score, 21, was awarded the prize.

After the target shoot there was sweepstakes shooting with the following score: Parker 18, Gillican 20, Skelding 19, Cooper 14, Windley 14, Fulcher 19. Gillican was winner.

TRAP SHOOTING.

There was also trap shooting at the beach last afternoon by the Gun Club. There were eight events with fifteen birds to an event, making a total of 120 shots to each gunner.

The following is the score: G. T. Derby 51, B. G. Empe 55, S. W. Sanders 83, H. McL. Green 60, D. Smith 48, R. H. Grant shot in the eighth event making a score of 14 out of 15 shots.

THE LAST BOAT.

The last boat left the city at 8 p. m., with a good crowd, and returned about 12:30 o'clock this morning with them and others who went on the early boat. There was music and dancing all day and last night.

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PRETTY YACHT RACE.

The Called Regatta of the Carolina Yacht Club Yesterday Afternoon—The Frolic First Winner and Ripple Second—A Large Number of Spectators.

The regatta of the Carolina Yacht Club called for yesterday afternoon by Purser J. VanB. Metts proved to be quite a pretty race. It was sailed over the regular course on the Banks Channel of Wrightsville sound, and six boats entered the contest. There were quite a number of spectators, the ladies being numerously represented.

A moderate southeast breeze was blowing, but the boats were well sailed and made good time. The following is the score table of the race:

START.

Bubble.....	4.10 p. m.
Mabel.....	4.11.33 p. m.
Mist.....	4.17.08 p. m.
Frolic.....	4.18.10 p. m.
Ripple.....	4.19.09 p. m.
Nixie.....	4.19.46 p. m.

PASSED THE GANGWAY, FIRST TIME.

Bubble.....	4.46.00 p. m.
Mabel.....	5.35.45 p. m.
Mist.....	4.47.12 p. m.
Ripple.....	4.48.25 p. m.
Nixie.....	4.50.05 p. m.
Mist.....	4.51.20 p. m.

PASSED THE GANGWAY, SECOND TIME.

Frolic.....	5.11.20 p. m.
Bubble.....	5.13.00 p. m.
Mabel.....	5.13.20 p. m.
Nixie.....	5.15.40 p. m.
Mabel.....	5.16.25 p. m.
Mist.....	5.20.15 p. m.

FINISH.

Frolic.....	5.25.45 p. m.
Ripple.....	5.38.40 p. m.
Nixie.....	5.40.12 p. m.
Bubble.....	5.40.25 p. m.
Mabel.....	5.46.00 p. m.

Mist did not finish.

The two handsome prizes were presented by Commodore George D. Parsley, who was in his happiest vein. The first prize, a pair of gold link cuff buttons, was won by the Frolic, Captain T. W. Davis. The second prize, a silver match case, was won by the Ripple.

There is a time for everything; and the time to attend to a cold is when it starts. Don't wait until you have consumption, but prevent it by using One Minute Cough Cure, the great remedy for coughs, colds, croup, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

Parties Punished for the Paris Bazaar Fire

Paris, August 24.—Baron Mackau, one of the chief promoters of the charity bazaar of the Rue Jean Goujon, which was destroyed by fire on May 4th last, with a loss of over 100 lives, has been sentenced to pay a fine of 500 francs. One of the employees of the cinematograph establishment, the section in which the fire broke out, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined, and another employee was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and to pay a fine.

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The other day the Augusta papers announced that the Lyceum of that city had attained a membership of 500 (1,000 admissions); that on account of the increased membership the course would this season be given in the opera house, and that it would consist of eighteen entertainments given at an average cost to members of 13.9 cents for eachad mission. This is after four seasons.

Something like this we are trying to do for Wilmington. We have had some prejudice and much indifference to overcome. But we have labored on until we are now justified in announcing four numbers of our course.

In October we will have General John B. Gordon in his new lecture on "The First Days of the Confederacy." Our people still remember his lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" as one of the most brilliant and moving pieces of oratory ever heard in this city. His new lecture is on a theme of equal, if not surpassing interest, and as a lecture is said to be fully equal to the other.

W. Mable, a stranger among us, but a man whose reputation for charm of style, breadth of scholarship and strength of thought place him among the foremost writers and lecturers of the day. He lectures on such subjects as "Literature and Life," "Books and Business," "Culture for Today," "American Society and Literature." We hope to introduce many more such distinguished strangers to our community.

Later in the season we will have George Kenon, the distinguished Siberian traveler, who will lecture on one of the subjects whose special investigation has made him famous, such as "Russia's Political Exiles," "Siberian Convict Mines."

These men all come here. We could easily give twice the number of lectures with the same money, with men of good reputation. But we think our people deserve the best and we are determined that they shall have it. The three lectures would represent the world of history and that the history department to our heart, the world of letters and the world of travel. But as it is the mission of the Lyceum to educate we felt our people should be instructed about their own state, and so have arranged to have Professor J. A. Holmes, our state geologist, deliver his lecture on "The Resources of North Carolina," illustrated by teorepicon views, taken all over the state.

If we stop here, our members will each have two admissions to four lectures for \$5.00, making the cost of each admission 62 1/2 cents to lectures that would ordinarily cost 75 cents or \$1.00; and they would at the same time be laying the foundation of an institution which is to give them far larger returns in the future. But there is no reason why we should stop here, and we have no intention of stopping with our present attainment. We should easily double our membership and so double the number of our entertainments and thus diminish the cost of each to our members.

It seems to be an impression abroad that there is no particular use joining the Lyceum, as one can go when he pleases by paying admissions. If this were true, it would not be treating us fairly. We are working for the public good, and can only contract for what we have the means to pay for. We are not dealing in futures. So the directors have definitely decided to have a general admission. Members may get extra admission for members of their own family at reasonable rates, and non-residents of Wilmington can get admission at suitable prices, but the only way for the Wilmington public to hear these lectures is to become members of the Lyceum. It is only on this perfectly fair and co-operative principle that we are able to establish this institution upon a permanent basis.

Within the next thirty days we hope to double the present membership, and will then make the announcement of other lectures for this season. We have a long and varied list of attractions to select from and are determined to maintain the highest standard of excellence. We invite all of our citizens who desire to get the benefit of this season's course for themselves or their families to give their names to one of the undersigned officers or directors. In our canvass we have not been able to reach ladies except through some gentleman of the family. Where there are no gentlemen in the family, or where they are not interested, ladies may drop a card direct to the president or secretary, or may see one of the directors. Let it be remembered that every dollar goes directly to securing more and better lectures and that there are no profits to any person or organization.

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To Build no Hospital at Asheville.

Asheville, N. C., August 24.—The Citizen has received a letter from Charles McNamee, with George Vanderbilt, at Lubeck, Germany, denying the recently widely published story to the effect that Mr. Vanderbilt intended to build a \$100,000 hospital in Asheville. Mr. McNamee says the story has no foundation in fact.

Mount Olive Jottings

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Mount Olive, N. C., August 24.

The negro John Smith, who shot another negro by the name of Peter Hall on Sunday, August 1st, at North East church grounds, just out of the town limits, and immediately fled to the woods, was arrested at Wilson, N. C., Sunday night, August 22nd, and brought to Mt. Olive yesterday evening by Sheriff B. F. Scott. He was tried before J. R. Smith, justice of the peace, and was bound over to court and bail and was taken back to jail at Goldsboro. Smith acknowledged the crime in the magistrates court yesterday. Hall is rapidly recovering from the wound he received by the bullet.

Mr. John Holloman is moving his stock of goods from this place to Dudley, N. C.

Mr. Thomas McGee and wife, of Goldsboro, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. B. W. Southerland, who was seriously sick last week is able to be out again, to the delight of his friends.

Dr. N. B. Herring and wife, of Wilson, spent yesterday here visiting the former's sister Mrs. E. F. Hicks.

Mr. Thomas Elmore of Henderson, N. C., road master on the Raleigh and Gaston railroad, spent yesterday with his brother, Mr. C. B. Elmore, of this place.

Mr. Joe Williams, of Warsaw, N. C., has accepted a position as clerk in the drug store of J. R. Smith.

The Orphan's Excursion.

The following report of the committee of arrangements for the recent outing for the orphans from the Odd Fellows' Home at Goldsboro, has been made to their respective lodges as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., August 23. To the Officers and Members of Cape Fear No. 2, Orion No. 67, Wilmington No. 139, and Hanover No. 145, I. O. O. F.:

We, your committee on orphans' excursion, beg to submit the following: Programme was carried out as submitted. Children left the Home Tuesday morning, August 17th, and arrived here at 9:30; were transferred to the steamer Wilmington, which met them at the Coast Line wharf, and carried them to Carolina Beach. They remained there until Wednesday afternoon when they returned to the city and were taken in charge by loving hands of the order here and entertained until Friday morning, leaving for home with pleasant recollections of a grand time spent. Letitia Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, prepared an entertainment for them Thursday evening which was very much enjoyed.

We feel that these outings are a great means of education to our children of the home, giving them ideas of the world and affording them an opportunity of seeing the largest city of our state. It also proves beneficial to their health and keeps alive interest in their grand order. Through courtesies extended by the Atlantic Coast Line, Captain J. W. Harper, Messrs. Jackson & Bell, H. L. Penwell, bath house management, our city papers and others, and receipts from excursion, the expense of entertaining the orphans was nominal, being less than \$2.00 each, party consisting of thirty-five. For all of these courtesies we are profoundly grateful, and feel sure that the Father of the orphan will remember them for their generous deeds. Herewith find itemized statement of receipts and disbursements.

Respectfully submitted, MARCUS W. JACOBI, Chairman Joint Committee. J. T. KING, Secretary.

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"She objected to all the girls I wanted to marry."—Chicago Record.

"That, sir," said the phrenologist, placing the tips of his long, bony fingers on the bump of Biggins' head, "is your bump of locomotion." "Right you are," replied Biggins; "I got that last night while learning to ride a bicycle."—Tit-Bits.

"I have just had a note from Willie's teacher," said Mrs. Parvenu, "and she says that he is very deficient in spelling."

"What in thunder is he studying spelling for?" demanded Mr. Parvenu angrily. "Does his teacher mean to insinuate that he won't be rich enough to hire a typewriter?"—Chicago Post.

"What nonsense it is," remarked the sentimental girl, to take daires and by plucking off the petals try to learn whether or not a man loves you."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne; "it is very silly. A much better method is to take the roses he sends you around to the florist's, and find out how much they cost."—Washington Star.

"There is a lot of shootin' goin' on over there at Alaska Dick's saloon. Are the boys havin' fun with the tenderfoot that blowed in last night?"

"Fun nothin'! The boys is shootin' to kill. They're fightin' like hungry tigers over a raw onion they happened to see in that tenderfoot's baggage."—Chicago Tribune.

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AN AUGUST SNOW STORM.

A FALL OF SNOW IN THE ROUND KNOB SECTION.

The Increased Tax Valuation of Property. Erecting the Building for Female Students at Trinity College—A Deputy Collector has a Lively Time With Moonshiners—Measuring Volume and Velocity of Mountain Streams—A Populist of Autocratic Ways.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., August 24.

The state board of equalization makes a report today that in eighty-three counties, all that have reported, the increase in the assessed value of property is \$1,104,476. The clerk to the board says the increase in valuation of corporation property is about 10 per cent., while the increase, as above, on other property, valued at about \$200,000,000, is only \$1,104,476.

The fall term of Wake Forest college begins tomorrow. Professor Poteat, of the faculty, is here and says there will be a large increase in attendance. Deputy Revenue Collector W. F. Gibson had a very lively time night before last in Randolph county, quite near the place where last year a moonshiner murdered Deputy Collector Moffitt and was in turn killed. Gibson was after an illicit distillery. While on his way there he met two men at 2 o'clock in the morning, who said they were after cattle. Their real purpose was to give the alarm and warn the moonshiners. But Gibson held up both these men until he finished his work. He destroyed a 50-gallon still and 1,700 gallons of beer.

Fine rains fell yesterday afternoon and last night. There were high winds quite near here and at some points the rains were torrential.

The state geological survey is measuring the velocity and volume of the mountain streams, to secure data for their utilization.

Passengers on the trains from the west report that there was a snowfall in the Round Knob section night before last, following a very remarkable fall in temperature.

The Tar Heel Knight is the name of the new state organ of the Knights of Pythias and it is published here by R. C. Rivers. He says there are 4,000 Knights in this state, in 186 lodges, and that one-fourth of them are members of the endowment rank, the insurance feature of the order—a larger proportion than in any other state.

There will be no issue of Senator Butler's paper, The Caucasian, next week. It will in the future be printed by Barnes Bros., and next week this change will be made. It is the purpose to greatly increase the circulation of the paper.

Work is in progress on the building for women at Trinity college. It is designed to accommodate twenty-five and that number are looked for. It marks a new departure in the college history.

The keeper of the capitol, a populist named Burns, who is bound over to the next term of the criminal court for drawing a knife on a negro man, is very angry because he was arrested by a negro republican deputy sheriff. He was also prosecuted by a negro republican lawyer and was tried before a republican magistrate. A populist defended him. Some of the state officials want Burns bounced. They are very tired of his autocratic ways. Governor Russell has abandoned his proposed trip to Old Point and Ocean View.

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